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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS (INV 4-140)

1. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS CONDUCTING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INVOLVING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE LACEY ACT (18 USC 43) AND POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF SINGAPORE EXPORT LAWS.

2. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT:

- PERMANENT SECRETARY
- (NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)
- MINISTRY OF LAW AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- SINGAPORE

3. ADVISE ABOVE OFFICIAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

ON 2/23/75 A SHIPMENT OF AT LEAST 10 COCKATOOS WERE EXPORTED FROM SINGAPORE VIA BOAC FLIGHT 971. THE AIR WAYBILL NUMBER WAS 60797111. THE SHIPPER WAS LISTED AS DAVID MOKILEF, 9 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LORONG TAKANG SATU, SINGAPORE. THE SHIPMENT INITIALLY WENT FROM SINGAPORE TO LONDON. ON 2/24/75 THIS SAME SHIPMENT WAS SENT ON BOARD BOAC FLIGHT 141 FROM LONDON TO DOCTOR J. ESTUDILLO LOPEZ, MEXICO CITY. TEN OF THE BIRDS IN THIS

SHIPMENT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SMUGGLED INTO THE U.S. PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING STATED THAT THE BIRDS HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY EXPORTED FROM SINGAPORE.

4. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN CERTIFIED STATEMENT FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT STATING WHETHER OR NOT THE EXPORTAION OF THESE BIRDS WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SINGAPORE LAW. IF SINGAPORE LAW WAS VIOLATED, THEN PERSONS SUBJECT TO U.S. JURISDICTION WHO WERE INVOLVED MAY BE PROSECUTED UNDER U.S. LAW CITED IN PARA (1).

5. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXEMPLIFY ABOVE STATEMENT USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN 7 FAM 834.

6. PLEASE PASS REPLY TO T. L. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. KISSINGER

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